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Mr. James T. Strom called on July 18, 2002 to request a copy of a missing reference. As per his request, a copy of the paper by Sato et al., entitled "A virtual object manipulation interface for automated assembly planning", presented at the 1994 IEEE International conference on Systems, Man and Cybernetics is attached.

Because the telephone request did not appear timely (See MPEP 710.06) the period for reply will not be extended.

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